

**May 27, 2010 Minutes of
Bigfork Land Use Advisory Committee
Bethany Lutheran Church**

Committee members present: John Bourquin, Gary Ridderhoff, Darrel Coverdell, Chuck Gough, Shelley Gonzales, Al Johnson, Sue Hanson and 7 members of the public.

Chairman Gonzales called the meeting to order at 4: 05 pm.

The Agenda was adopted as presented (m/sc Gough/Bourquin) – unanimous.

Minutes of the April 29, 2010 meeting were approved as emailed- unanimous. (m/sc Johnson/Gough).

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

A. Sign-in Sheet: Reminder to the public of the availability of BLUAC minutes through email and BSC website bigforksteering.org/. Agendas are posted on the Flathead County Planning Office website flathead.mt.gov/

B. Application status: County status on previous pending applications: Caverly/Schraeder-County Commissioners (no report), Jo Eslick, Board of Adjustment (approved. Eslick was granted a short form from DEQ because he had two previous permits. The Board heard public comment on the Bigfork Water and Sewer District variance).

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Status on new Sub-Committees per Neighborhood Plan: Jim Losee reported no progress at this time.

B. BLUAC Appointment:

Gonzales reported three letters of interest for the 1-year appointment to fill the vacancy of Darrel Coverdell. In 2011, an election will be held to fill the two remaining years of the term. Gonzales made a motion that the Committee votes by secret ballot. Gough seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The applicants are John Righetti, James W. Losee, and Peter Strelinger. Chairman Gonzales asked those applicants present for any comments they might have.

Righetti: Stated he has been president of the Swan Hill Association for 7 years. The Association has dealt with a number of land use issues during this time. He would like to be of service to the Bigfork Zoning District as a whole.

Losee: Stated he has lived in the community for 4 years. Worked for a utility company in Michigan for 37 years where energy conservation was his specialty. He also served as a Township trustee for two 4-year terms. Served as HOA secretary for 4 years. He served on Saginaw County’s Local Issues Committee which served to resolve issues of several adjacent communities. He served on the Michigan Prison Commission for 1 year. Locally he is Chairman of the Bigfork Gun Club, which works together as a team. He has been married 52 years and is anxious to help out in the community.

Strelinger: Not present

Result of the secret ballot was the appointment of John Righetti. Secretary Hanson will notify the Planning Office and Flathead County Commissioners of the appointment.

The Member At Large position has been with a deadline of June 10, 2010. Appointment will be made at the June 2010 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gonzales: Asked Julie Spencer for the status of the garage built at Sunset Point.

Julie Spencer: In December you recommended approval of a variance for MB Trust c/o Mountain High Construction to build garage. The property owner has built a bathroom in the garage and was hooked up water and sewer service.

Gonzales: Will contact the owner of the sign on Echo Lake Road and Foothill Road to let them know of the violation. She also expressed her thanks to Darrel Coverdell for 3 years of service to BLUAC. She acknowledged his professional approach as well as his perspective as a long time property owner in the Bigfork Zoning District.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Following the meeting, members and public were invited to join in treating both Coverdell and Johnson to dinner at La Provence.

Sue Hanson
BLUAC Secretary